Funds for film production

84. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Development Bank of India propose to finance film industries;

(b) if so, the allocation made thereon during the current year; and

(c) the guidelines for providing funds for film production devised, if any?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. IDBI has approved a scheme for financing of feature films.

(b) To start with, IDBI has decided that the portfolio size for financing of films might be about Rs. 100 crore.

(c) To be eligible for assistance under the scheme, the borrower has to be a corporate entity. While there is no upper limit for sanction, the minimum quantum of assistance would normally be not less than Rs.20 million.

Permanent employees of Prasar Bharati

† 85. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees are working permanently in Prasar Bharati; and

(b) if so, the total number of permanent employees in March 2001, together with the average annual expenditure being incurred on their salaries, allowances and other facilities?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) About 41,349 persons who were working in erstwhile Akashvani and Doordarshan on permanent basis are now working in Prasar Bharati after its

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.